

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER
AND
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
LAMONT PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
KERN COUNTY**

Lamont Public Utilities District (District) owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) that discharges undisinfected secondary treated wastewater to oxidation/storage ponds and to Community Recycling and Resource Recovery, Inc., (Community Recycling) and is regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order 98-043. Community Recycling is under contract to dispose of all of the District's wastewater. Cease and Desist Order (CDO) 5-00-098 was issued to the District in April 2000 because the District consistently violated Order 98-043 by exceeding effluent BOD and TSS limits, and because it lacked disposal capacity.

The Central Valley Water Board will consider updating the District's WDRs to prescribe requirements to reflect changes that the District has made to its WWTF. However, the District will continue to violate the proposed WDRs until it acquires long-term disposal capacity for its wastewater and implements maintenance and operational changes that will ensure the WWTF will meet effluent BOD and TSS limits. To ensure that the District will take appropriate steps to address the violations, the Board will also consider issuing a new cease and desist order.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be conducted during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: **7 or 8 June 2012**
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Water Board
11020 Sun Center Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Water Board
- Lamont Public Utilities District
- Community Recycling

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Interested persons may request status as a designated party by submitting a request in writing to the Board so that it is received no later than **18 April 2012**. The request must explain the basis for the request.

The tentative WDRs and CDO were issued for public comment on **23 March 2012**. Persons wishing to comment on these items shall submit evidence, if any, and/or comments to the Board so that they are received no later than **5 p.m. on 27 April 2012**. Written materials submitted after **5 p.m. on 27 April 2012** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the hearing, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross-examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the tentative WDRs or CDO should contact Denise Soria at (559) 444-2488. The proposed Orders and related documents may be downloaded from the Central Valley Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Board's office at 1685 "E" Street, Fresno, California, 93706, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing the hearing may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647 et seq., and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original signed by:

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer

23 March 2012